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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

The British apple market for the week ending September 15, so far as it can be measured by the market situation in Liverpool, revealed but little change from the situation reported last week, according to a cable received from Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. There was still a good demand for certain varieties of American apples at relatively high prices but there was some weakness evident at the close. York Imperials were in liberal supply with prices about 50¢ a barrel below last week's quotations. King Davids were only in fair condition but brought from $8.03 to $9.49 per barrel as against $8.52 to $8.88 per barrel last week. The demand for Virginia Jonathans far exceeded available supplies. A-2¼ inch sizes in good condition sold readily from $10.05 to $12.17 per barrel. Light supplies of Virginia Yellow Newtowns were available but there was practically no demand for that variety. Virginia Grimes Golden were only in moderate supply. The demand for that variety. Virginia Grimes Golden were only in moderate supply. The demand for that variety was good with prices ranging from $5.60 to $6.33 per barrel. There was a brisk demand for Extra Fancy Gravensteins from Oregon at $4.44 a box, but there were practically no available supplies.

York Imperials were arriving in a green condition and many were not graded, says Mr. Smith. Shipments in common stowage are showing considerable waste. Albemarles are not wanted at the present time. The retail market of Liverpool is practically bare of good apples particularly boxed varieties. It may require three weeks before the actual strength of the British Market as a whole can be determined, according to Mr. Smith. There is no immediate prospect of a settlement of the coal strike.

The following table gives the range of prices paid for American apples and pears on the Liverpool auction during the past two weeks:

Prices paid for American Fruit,

Liverpool Auction, Sept. 8 and 15, 1926

Variety and grade	Origin	Price	
		Sept. 8, 1926	Sept. 15, 1926
		Per bbl	Per bbl
York Imperial, A-2¼	Virginia	$8.52 - 9.25	$ 8.03 - 8.76
Bonum, A-2¼	"	8.52 - 8.88	8.03 - 9.49
Grimes Golden, A-2¼	"	a/	5.60 - 6.33
King David, A-2¼	"	9.98 - 10.46	8.52 - 9.73
Jonathan, A-2¼	"	a/	10.95 - 12.17
Yellow Newtown, A-2¼	"	a/	6.33 - 6.57
Duchess, A-2¼	b/	5.11 - c/5.47	5.35 - 7.18
Wealthy, A-2¼	Virginia	8.39 - 9.73	a/
Gravenstein, A-2¼	New York	9.12	a/
		Per box	Per box
Gravenstein:			
Extra fancy, 163/175	Oregon	a/	4.44
Fancy, 163/175	"	4.38 - 4.50	a/
Fancy, 163/175	California	3.89	a/
Winter Banana:			
Extra fancy, 163/175	Washington	a/	3.77
Combination, (extra fancy and fancy) 150/larger	"	4.14	a/
Williams, wrapped, A-2¼	Massachusetts	4.01	a/
Duchess, unwrapped, A-2¼	"	4.68	a/
PEARS:		Per bbl	Per bbl
Bartlett (wet condition)	b/	---	6.20 - 9.61
Bartlett	New York	11.68	----
		Per box	Per box
Anjou (size and grade not given)	Oregon	----	4.87 - 5.47
Anjou, extra fancy, 150	"	4.62 - 4.87	----
		Per half box	Per half box
Comice, fancy	California	3.16 - 3.41	a/
Bartlett	New Jersey	1.70 - 2.19	a/

a/ Not quoted in cable. b/ State of origin not given. c/ In slack condition.

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